

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The allowance of claims 1-7 is gratefully noted.

Applicants attach an amended Fig. 1 showing additional section line 2'-2', and Figs. 2-2 and 2'-2' more clearly depicting part 7. The specification has been amended accordingly.

Applicants believe this drawing amendment to overcome the Examiner's objection, and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully solicited.

A petition for a two-months extension is attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,
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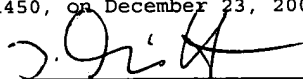


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Encls.: Amended Fig. 1
New Figs. 2-2 and 2'-2'
Petition for extension of time

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Amendments to the Drawing:

The attached replacement sheet contains amended Fig. 1, and one additional sheet containing new Figs. 2-2 and 2'-2' is attached.